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PRESIDENT WILSON'S RINGING ADDRESS.

AMERICA SHOULD NEVER SACRIFICE HONOR AND JUSTICE FOR PEACE, HE SAYS.

President Wilson told members and guests at a Gridiron Club dinner Saturday night in Washington that America ought to keep out of the European war, "at the sacrifice of everything except this single thing upon which her character and her history are founded, her sense of humanity and justice."

The address was confidential, since the speeches at the dinners of the Gridiron Club, composed of newspaper correspondents, are not reported. It was later made public, however, with the consent of the President and club, because many of those who heard it urged that it should go to the country.

The President spoke of the Nation's affairs with unusual gravity. His hearers, including several hundred members of Congress, Government officials, business men and correspondents, were brought to their feet cheering when he concluded with these words:

TRUE VALOR.

"I would be just as much ashamed to be rash as I would to be a coward. Valor is self-respecting. Valor is circumspect. Valor strikes only when it is right to strike. Valor withholds itself from all small implications and entanglements and waits for the great opportunity when the sword will flash as if it carried the light of heaven upon its blade."

In his address he said:

"I have very little to say tonight, except to express my warm appreciation of the invariable courtesy of this club and of the reception you have so generously accorded me. I find that I am seldom tempted to say anything nowadays unless somebody starts something and tonight nobody has started anything."

"Your talk, Mr. Toastmaster, has been a great deal about the candidacy for the Presidency. It is not a new feeling on my part, but one which I entertain with a greater intensity than formerly, that a man who seeks the Presidency of the United States for anything that it will bring to him is an audacious fool. The responsibilities of the office ought to sober a man even before he approaches it. One of the difficulties of the office seldom appreciated, I dare say, is that it is very difficult to think while so many people are talking, and particularly while so many people are talking in a way that obscures counsel and is entirely off the point."

NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

"The point in national affairs, gentlemen, never lies along the lines of expediency. It always rests in the field of principle. The United States was not founded upon any principle of expediency, it was founded upon a profound principle of human liberty and of humanity, and whenever it bases its policy upon any other foundations than those it builds on the sand and not upon solid rock. It seems to me that the most

enlightening thing a man can do is suggested by something which the Vice President said tonight. He complained that he found men who, when their attention was called to the signs of spring, did not see the blue heaven, saw not the movement of free clouds, thought not of the great spaces of the quiet continent, but thought only of some immediate and pressing piece of business. It seems to me that if you do not think of the things that lie beyond and away from and disconnected from this scene in which we attempt to think and conclude you will inevitably be led astray. I would a great deal rather know what they are talking about around quiet firesides all over this country than what they are talking about in the cloak rooms of Congress. I would a great deal rather know what the men on the trains and by the wayside and in the shops and on the farms are thinking about and yearning for than hear any of the vociferous proclamations of policy which it is so easy to hear and so easy to read by picking up any scrap of printed paper. There is only one way to hear these things, and that is constantly to go back to the foundations of American action.

SIMPLICITY WITH STRENGTH.

"Senator Harding was saying just now that we ought to try when we are a hundred million strong to act in the same simplicity of principle that our forefathers acted in when we were three million strong. I heard somebody say that the present population of the Union is one hundred and three millions. If there are three millions thinking the same things that the original three millions thought, the hundred million will be saved for an illustrious future. They were ready to stake everything for an ideal, and that ideal was not expediency, but justice. And the infinite difficulty of public affairs, gentlemen, is to square the things you do by the not simple but complicated standards of justice. Justice has nothing to do with any temporary standard whatever. It is rooted and grounded in the instincts of humanity."

"America ought to keep out of this war. She ought to keep out of this war at the sacrifice of everything except this single thing upon which her character and history are founded, her sense of humanity and justice. If she sacrifices that she has ceased to be America, she has ceased to entertain and love the traditions which have made us proud to be Americans, and when we go about seeking safety at the expense of humanity then I for one will believe that I have always been mistaken in what I have conceived to be the spirit of American history."

DETERMINING THE FUTURE.

"You never can tell your direction except by long measurements. You cannot establish a line by two posts; you have got to have three at least to know whether they are straight with anything, and the longer your line the more certain your measurement. There is only one way in which to determine how the future of the United States is going to be projected, and that is by

looking back and seeing which way the line ran which led up to the present moment of power and of opportunity."

The American roll of honor, the President said, consists only of the names of men who have squared their conduct by ideals of duty."

"And I wish," he added, "that whenever an impulse to settle a thing some short way tempts us we might close the door and take down some old stories of what American idealists and statesmen did in the past and not let any counsel in that does not sound in the authentic voice of American tradition. Then we shall be certain what the lines of the future are because we shall know we are steering by the lines of the past. We shall know that no temporary convenience, no temporary expediency, will lead us to be rash or to be cowardly. I would be just as much ashamed to be rash as I would to be a coward, Valor is self-respecting. Valor is circumspect. Valor strikes only when it is right to strike. Valor withholds itself from all small implications and entanglements and waits for the great opportunity when the sword will flash as if it carried the light of heaven upon its blade."

ECHOES FROM "CEDAR SWAMP"

How Does This Suit Our Esteemed Correspondent?

This section of Williamsburg county away back in time that antedates the war between the States, and possibly the revolutionary period, was settled. The names of some of the older settlers are: the McCreas, McCulloughs, McCotterys, Scotts, Flaglers, Chandlers and Grayson's. There was a time, (we get our information from deeds and boundaries of old land papers), that Montgomerys, McElveens and Boyds owned property in this section.

These lands are drained by Cedar swamp, and the neighboring country was known then and is to day called Cedar Swamp section. Some fifteen or twenty years ago a post-office was established here. The

names, "Cedar Swamp" and "Benson", were sent in, but as a shorter name is preferable to the postoffice department, "Cedar Swamp" was rejected and "Benson" accepted as the name of the new office.

In the course of time Benson post-office was discontinued and the patrons are favored now by a rural route instead.

Ye scribe has been reporting news from Benson postoffice and, as we have no more postoffice, but have still the old original Cedar Swamp, with Cedar Swamp Graded school, Cedar Swamp church, Cedar Swamp Camp "W O W" and Cedar Swamp voting precinct, we are asking our obliging editor to find us a caption other than Benson News, etc.

Misses Alma Watson and Nell Sellers of Sellers, sister and niece of Mrs J Y McGill, were visitors there last week.

Mrs Mayme Rumph and little daughter, Edith, of Charleston are visiting at the Grayson home.

Messrs Vandolph McConnell and Jack McCullough of Bryan were in this neighborhood Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Lena Haddock, Myrtle Cooper and Mr. Maxie Hemingway spent the week-end here with friends.

Messrs Ed Vause and Roger McGill were noted in our midst Sunday.

Mrs H R Russell and her two boys, Harry and "S T," spent a short time with relatives last week.

The church-going folk are very much pleased at the earnestness with which the new pastor of the Baptist church, Rev A E Riemer, has begun his work, and the entire community welcome him in their midst and will co-operate with him in the furtherance of his sacred duties. W E S.

Dyestuffs to be Shipped.

Washington, February 29:—Great Britain will permit the shipment of two cargoes of dyestuffs, valued at \$5,000,000, from Rotterdam to the United States, Ambassador Page, at London, has advised the State department, and officials here are hopeful that Germany will make an exception to its embargo by granting permission for their exportation.

Ambassador Page said that the British foreign office had given him assurances that the cargoes would not be interfered with.

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